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TO THE WHITE HOUSE, FOR DR. KISSINGER EYES ONLY-FLASH-
INFO PARIS

REF YOUR WHITE HOUSE 29955

1. DISCUSSED REFTEL THIS MORNING WITH SISOUK. HE SAID PRIME MINISTER'S SON MANGKHLA BROUGHT WITH HIM FROM PARIS LETTER DATED DECEMBER 28 OR 29 FROM KHAMPHAN PANYA STATING THAT KHAMPHAN PANYA HAD TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR AN EVENTUAL CONTACT WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. SISOUK SAID PRIME MINISTER HAS DELEGATED TO HIM TASK OF DIRECTING KHAMPHAN'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. AFTER WE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT SITUATION HE GAVE ME A PIECE OF PAPER ON WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE THAT HE REQUESTED BE DELIVERED TO KHAMPHAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

"VFC (VOUS FAIRE CONNAITRE) QUE ETANT DONNE NOUVELLE SITUATION CREEE PAR ARRET BOMBARDEMENT U.S.A. AU NORD 20 PARALLELE ET REPRISE NEGOCIATION A TOUS ECHELONS A PARIS, VOUS DEMANDE INSTAMMENT:

PRIMO: SURSEoir A TOUT CONTACT PROJETE EN ATTENDANT DEVELOPPEMENT AVEC REPRESENTANTS N.V.N. EN ATTENDANT RESULTATS NEGOCIATIONS AMERICANO-NORDVIETNAMIENNES. (SIC. SISOUK REQUESTED BY PHONE INSERTION "ENATTENDANT DEVELOPPEMENT")

"SECUNDO: PRENDRE CONTACT AVEC DR. KISSINGER OU SULLIVAN DES LEUR ARRIVEE PARIS, POUR CONSULTATION ET EVALUATION SITUATION D'ENSEMBLE COMMUNE ET EVENTUELLEMENT CONCERNATION ACTION FUTURE.

"MALGRE GRAVE SITUATION MILITAIRE A LAQUELLE NOS FAISONS FACE ACTUELLEMENT, SOMMES ENCLINS A PENSER QUE PROCHAINES NEGOCIATIONS A PARIS ABOUTIRONT A RESULTATS POSITIFS. AMITIES, SISOUK"

2. I AM REPEATING THIS MESSAGE [] TO BE

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DELIVERED IF BILL SULLIVAN IS THERE BUT TO BE HELD, IF BILL IS NOT THERE, PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT KHAMPHAN HAS BEEN UP TO DURING LAST 72 HOURS AND THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT ACTION MIGHT WELL BE URGENTLY REQUIRED. THIS VIEW IS REINFORCED BY FACT THAT KHAMPHAN MIGHT WELL CONTACT NORTH VIETNAMESE AT TRADITIONAL ELYSEE NEW YEARS DAY RECEPTION.

3. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, MILITARY SITUATION HERE IS DICEY. MY CONVERSATION WITH SISOUK THIS MORNING WAS GREATLY FACILITATED BY THE FACT THAT IN THE LAST 24 HOURS WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT AIR SUPPORT IN LAOS. I AM, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT B-52'S MAY STAND DOWN IN LAOS AS ELSEWHERE OVER NEW YEARS DAY. IF YOU COULD DIRECT CONTINUED B-52 SUPPORT IN LAOS OVER NEW YEARS DAY IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

4. [REDACTED] DO NOT REPEAT NOT ACT ON THIS MESSAGE UNTIL YOU ARE INSTRUCTED BY DR. KISSINGER.

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